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1. IN ANTICIPATION OF CONVERSATIONS WE WILL BE HAVING, EMBASSY DELIVERED FORMAL NOTE TO SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 12 REQUESTING CONSULTATIONS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 25. EMBASSY OFFICER MADE POINTS THAT (1) REQUEST PROMPTED BY UNEXPECTED SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING, WHICH WE HOPED COULD BE POSTPONED; (2) WE WERE CONCERNED THAT HEARINGS WOULD LEAD TO ISSUANCE OF OPERATING PERMIT WHICH WOULD FURTHER IMPEDE BRANIFF OPERATIONS HERE AND WOULD HENCE PREJUDICE CONSULTATIONS; (3) SUCH ACTION WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH BILATERAL, JUST AS DGTA REFUSAL TO PERMIT FOUR ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES WAS CONTRARY TO BILATERAL; AND (4) MOST APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR VIEWS OF USG TO BE EXPRESSED IS BILATERAL CONSULTATION AND USG HOPED ITS VIEWS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION JUST AS VIEWS OF GOP HAD BEEN CONSIDERED IN ISSUING AEROPERU PERMIT.

2. IN ADDITION TO APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER, WE ALSO INTEND DISCUSS MATTER WITH TRANSPORT MINISTER AND DGTA BERCKEMEYER ALONG FOREGOING LINES.
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AMBASSADOR HAS ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW PROBLEM

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WITH WELL-PLACED GOP IDEOLOGUE AUGUSTO ZIMMERMANN WHO
PROMISED HIS GOOD OFFICES WITH MINISTER MENESES.

3. SUCCESS OF THESE REPRESENTATIONS CANNOT BE PREDICTED,
BUT FEEDBACK WE GET VIA BRANIFF IS NOT ENCOURAGING. LOCAL
BRANIFF OFFICIALS HAVE REASON BELIEVE GOP WILL NOT FAVOR
EARLY CONSULTATIONS. THEY ALSO UNDERSTAND GOP INTENTION
IS TO ISSUE BRANIFF OPERATING PERMIT FOLLOWING PUBLIC
HEARINGS. ONE FEATURE OF PERMIT MAY BE TO REQUIRE BRANIFF
TO LAND IN SANTIAGO OR LA PAZ EN ROUTE TO AND FROM BRAZIL,
THUS HOLDING BRANIFF TO LETTER OF PARAGRAPH H OF ANNEX TO
1946 BILATERAL WHICH STATES THAT U.S. CARRIERS MAY FLY
"BEYOND PERU, TO POINTS IN CHILE AND BOLIVIA OR BEYOND".
WE HAVE NO PRIOR INDICATION OF OTHER INTENDED RESTRICTIONS,
BUT EXPERIENCE OF CANADIAN PACIFIC AND KLM IS NOT ENCOURAGING.
GOP MAY ALSO BE EXPECTED TO BE MOTIVATED BY FACT THAT
AEROPERU LOAD FACTOR TO AND FROM MIAMI SO FAR APPEARS TO
HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTINGLY LOW.
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